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(ITEM ) A resolution by Supervisor Romo West authorizing the Office of the Sheriff to renew Milwaukee County’s partnership with the SafeRide program and contribute \$5,000 to SafeRide and authorizing an appropriation transfer in the amount of \$5,000 to offset the County’s contribution to SafeRide, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, SafeRide is a program operating in more than 60 Wisconsin counties and is designed to reduce alcohol-related crashes and fatalities by giving customers of participating taverns a safe ride home; and

WHEREAS, the Tavern League and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation have worked together to administer this program since 1985 and the program has received national recognition; and

WHEREAS, SafeRide is available in Milwaukee County every day during all legal operating hours in participating bars, taverns, lounges, hotels, and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, SafeRide is in part funded by a surcharge on Driving While Intoxicated convictions, but these funds alone are not enough to continue and expand the program; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation reports that alcohol-related crashes have declined 43% and fatalities have declined 47% since 2003; and

WHEREAS, the decline in alcohol-related crashes and fatalities is the goal of the program; however, the program’s success also means that there is less money to fund the program; and

WHEREAS, SafeRide grew 13% across the State of Wisconsin and 20% in Milwaukee County in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors supports the efforts of SafeRide and wishes to continue to expand the program in Milwaukee County; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, at its meeting of January 22, 2015, recommended adoption of the resolution (vote 7-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of January 28, 2015, also recommended adoption of the resolution (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors requests that

47 the Office of the Sheriff renew Milwaukee County's partnership with SafeRide and  
48 provide funds in the amount of \$5,000 to the program; and

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50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Administrative Services is  
51 authorized to process an appropriation transfer from Org. 1945 – Appropriation for  
52 Contingencies to Org. 4000 – Office of the Sheriff in the amount of \$5,000 to offset the  
53 County's contribution to the SafeRide program.

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